

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment, and reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Claims 16-18 and 24 have been amended to overcome the objection thereto.

Claims 13-18 and 22-29 were rejected as allegedly obvious over Gautier. Applicants respectfully traverse.

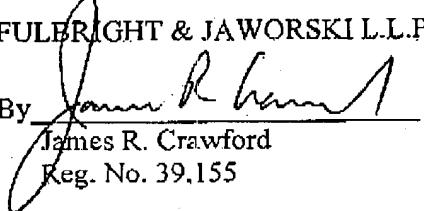
Gautier does not disclose that stud 18 has a polygonal or an oval shape, as recognized by the Examiner. However, the Examiner alleges that it would have been obvious to do so because mere changes in shape are a matter of "obvious" design choice. However, when there is sufficient reason to change the shape, then it would not be obvious. Here, as set forth in the specification, it is clear that the shape, as well as length of the stud, increase resistance to rotation. In fact, these characteristics were considered important enough in previous office actions that the Examiner cited Burstein for disclosing them. Now the Examiner alleges that the shape is merely an obvious design choice; that is not the case. The shape, along with the length, provide an improved product by preventing undesired rotation of the inner cup in the outer cup.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

Any fees due to enter this amendment or to maintain pendency of this application
that are not provided herewith may be charged to deposit account no. 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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